Ms. Jeffers’ Mathematics Class

Rules, Expectations and Information

Welcome back to Santan Junior High School. I hope your summer break was enjoyable and you are ready to learn. The **expectations are high** for you, but with hard work you will be entering high school prepared with a sound mathematical foundation. Mathematics is a subject that is learned in sequence and although absences are unavoidable, it is very important that you try not to miss class. Repeated absences are usually detrimental to a student’s grade.

Mathematics is a subject that builds on concepts learned from the previous day. So, it is important to have practice and understanding of a concept before moving on to the next. For this reason **homework is assigned Monday through Thursday (occasionally Friday)**. Students will have an easier time in math and learn to enjoy the subject more if they are prepared each day and complete their homework on a daily basis. They need this individual practice to completely grasp the concepts.

# Classroom Materials:

# Your composition notebook, pencils and backpack are essential to your success in this class. So keep them organized.

**Suggested Materials:**

* Composition or Spiral Notebook for notes
* Pocket Folder (must be organized) just for Math
* Scientific Calculator TI30 (Pre-Algebra)
* Graphing Calculator TI84 (Algebra)
* Pencil(s)
* Personal Pencil Sharpener
* Colored Pencils
* Highlighters
* Glue Sticks – we will glue frequently into our comp notebooks
* Loose-Leaf Paper (to be left in classroom)
* Graph Paper (to be left in classroom)
* Dry Erase Markers (4) we will use these ALL Year

**Homework/Warm-up Work:**

There are certain criteria that must be met to complete homework:

1. Use PENCIL only
2. Problems written out completely.
3. All work shown for each problem (don’t assume ANYTHING).
4. Answer given for each problem.

Homework will be checked on a **daily basis** for completion to assess the concept reviewed in the homework. Homework is used to prepare students for the upcoming assessment that will be graded and scored in the gradebook.

Students will be required to complete warm-up questions on a daily basis. I will be checking to make sure that homework has been completed. Some assignments will be turned in for further review and feedback.

**Late/Missing Work:**

Students are expected to turn in their assignments on time. Teacher discretion will be exercised for assignments graded and turned in. Ultimately the assessment will gauge the student’s mastery of a concept.

* Any assessment missed due to an absence must be made up within a week of the student’s return to school during a scheduled tutoring session. Missed quizzes will be made up during tutor sessions **NOT** during a class session.

**Extra Credit is NOT an option - there will not be any.**

Students must be held accountable for their learning daily. Students need to be responsible by forming effective study habits and timeliness in turning in assignments. However, it is understandable that with the entire curriculum covered this year that there might be concepts that are more difficult. Students may attend tutoring sessions to receive support on the concepts tested.

# Grading:

* Your grade will be based on the points you have earned for homework, quizzes, class activities, and projects. Point values will vary depending on the amount of work involved. Grades will be on a percentage basis.

**SJHS Grading Scale:**

**A:** 100% - 90% **B:** 89% - 80% **C:** 79% - 70% **D:** 69% - 60% **F:** Below 60%

***I am more than happy to be flexible and will support any student; however, a grade is something that is earned.***

## Behavior:

* All official school rules will be strictly followed in this class
* **Respect yourself and others**
* **You are expected to participate and complete given tasks to the BEST of your ability**
* I expect you to take responsibility for your own behavior
* Cheating will result in a zero for that quiz / assignment
* Gum is not allowed
* Inappropriate behavior may result in a brief conference, removal from class, and/or logical consequence
* Isolation, parent, and/or administration contact will be made at the teacher’s discretion

## Student Accountability:

* I encourage students to begin to take responsibility for their learning and to be the ones to email the teacher with questions they may have regarding their grade and/or assignments.

## Tutoring:

* Friday mornings at 8:15 or by appt ahead of time